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The Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Secretariat), presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of Member States of the African Union, and has the honour to invite the Member States to the 77th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) that is scheduled to be held from **20 October to 9 November 2023** in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania.

In that regard, the Secretariat kindly requests that information regarding the composition of the State delegation and their expected dates of arrival in and departure, to and from Tanzania be provided as soon as possible to enable firming up of logistics with relevant authorities in Tanzania. This is especially the case in relation to those Member States represented at the ministerial level, to facilitate the provision of the requisite courtesies.

Travel and accommodation expenses of respective State Delegates will be borne by Member States.

The Preliminary Registration Form can be filled out online on the African Commission's website at <https://achpr.au.int> under the section "**News and Media - Upcoming Events – 77th Ordinary Session**" kindly complete and return it to the Secretariat at achpr.session@africa-union.org, no later than **30 September 2023**, along with a scanned copy of the bio-data page of the Passport/Travel document and a Passport-size photo of the delegate(s), preferably in jpeg or jpg file format. These will be used to prepare badge(s) for participation in the Session. A Notice with further guidelines on the Session and an Information Note have been uploaded on the same section. The draft Agenda of the Public Session will follow shortly.

Delegations coming from countries which require entry visa to Tanzania are advised to obtain visas before travelling to Tanzania. For those who do not have Embassies or diplomatic representation of Tanzania in their countries of residence, measures shall be taken by the Host Government to facilitate the issuance of visas upon arrival in Tanzania, provided they have submitted their Registration forms and scanned copies of their passport bio data pages to the secretariat of the Commission as requested.

Delegates are advised to take the necessary vaccinations, and to travel with their vaccination cards, especially their yellow fever vaccination cards.

Delegations wishing to speak on any of the Agenda Items are required to inform the Secretariat of the Commission in advance, and to **upload their intended statements** using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/EszfryN8zE>; statements may also be e-mailed to richardsc@africa-union.org and achpr.session@africa-union.org as soon as possible, as this is a pre-requisite for taking the floor.

The Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of Member States of the African Union, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Banjul, 12 September 2023.

**Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations
of all Member States of the African Union**

